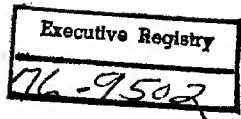




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Lieutenant General Vernon A. Walters, USA
Deputy Director
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Dear General Walters:

Thank you for returning to the Staff College and presenting another outstanding lecture on the Intelligence Community and its role in support of national policy making. Both the faculty and students responded enthusiastically to your talk and all considered it the highlight of the course. In today's environment of indiscriminate media attacks on the intelligence community, you conveyed an obvious pride in the role, responsibilities, and overall performance of the community and reassured us regarding the morale of these dedicated Americans.

While you stressed the necessary pragmatic approach to intelligence operations, I was especially pleased when you emphasized, in a broader sense, the importance to national security of our fundamental institutions and values. The latter is a subject that we have been stressing to the students, and we share your concern over the apparent erosion of these values from within. Hearing this message from a gentleman of your stature certainly reinforced this vitally important point.

With your retirement imminent, I know that your schedule has been especially hectic so we are doubly indebted to you for coming. All of us are looking forward to having you back very soon. I hope that we will again have an opportunity to visit in the near future. Thank you for arriving early so we could have some time together. Sincere best wishes for the future.

Warmest personal regards,


JEREMIAH A. DENTON, JR.
Rear Admiral, USN
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